

Marvin Merl Andersen, 64

April 23, 1936 – Dec. 9, 2000

ELK HORN – Marvin Merl Andersen, son of Arlo Merl and Elvera Elizabeth Petersen Andersen, was born April 23, 1936, on a farm in Shelby County. He was a lifelong Shelby County resident and attended country school and graduated from Elk Horn High School and attended Dana College in Blair, NE.

He married Connie Jo Palmer July 29, 1956, in the Wiota Methodist Church in Wiota. He was a farmer and truck driver for Pelgas in Atlantic, retiring Jan. 1, 2000, and was still driving part-time. He was a lifetime member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, current president of Elk Horn-Kimballton Optimist's Club and a 30 year member of the Elk Horn Saddle Club. He also served in the Army Reserves. He died Dec. 9, 2000, in Council Bluffs, at age 64.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, William Palmer; and brother-in-law, Ronald Palmer of Clara City, MN. Surviving are his wife, Connie of Elk Horn; three daughters, Tammy Minssen (Rodney) of Underwood; Christy Dvorak (John) of Atlantic; Annette Gude (Paul) of Atlantic; one son, Eugene Andersen (Rhonda) of Ashland, NE; eight grandchildren, Nicholas and Heather Minssen, Amber and Joshua Dvorak, Jeffrey and Amanda Gude, Wyatt and Chance Andersen, two brothers, Lyle Andersen (Linda) of Marne and Ivan Andersen (Marge) of Audubon; one sister, Eileen Alff (Doug) of Walnut; his mother-in-law, Nona Palmer of LeMars; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 2000, at Elk Horn Lutheran Church with the Rev. Mike Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church Cemetery. Roland Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.